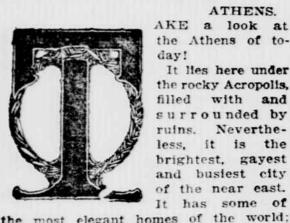
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NEW City Which Moves A -Its Shrewd Business Men-Parliament and Politics-Votes Which Average \$5 "Per"-Elections on Sunday and Queer Ballot Boxes -The New Railroads and Chances for American Trade -Reclamation in Greece, or the Draining of Lake Kopais.

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It lies here under urrounded by Neverthebrightest, gayest

hill of rose-colored lime- on my fingers.

ings, the chief of which is the palace, a an honest man and through the streets three-story structure of marble, surroundand scattered about the outskirts are tram and go down to the seaport of Pi- 5 per cent on the rental. If one lives in was erected by an Alexandrian-Greek mil- high rocky cliff upon which St. Paul the strongest of the means of preventing frauds in electron and evening, and many of "The modern Greek is the strongest of the means of preventing frauds in electron and evening frauds in electron and that its cost altogether has been about The streets of Athens are wide and the Place de la Constitution you may see



WHERE THE GREEK PARLIAMENT MEETS 5-5 EVERY MODERN GREEK IS A STATESMAN

city is cut up by streets which cross leading down to the Piraeus, and this each other at right angles, except at the now being planted with trees. center, where they go in and out like The main part of the city is compactly the pathways of Rosamond's bower. The built and the business buildings are four heart of the town is right at Constitution and five stories. The shops have plate-Square in front of the palace. There glass windows, and the best of them are the car lines converge and from there go devoted to dry goods, fancy millinery, chief public buildings, including the uni- with fashionable women. versity, the library, the National Museum and the Academy of Sciences. The main talking with the merchants and looking here in lux- part of the town is made up of build- at their establishments. The Greeks Greek language being much like that of Congress in that there is only one house, much that the ings of much the same height. They understand how to do business. They are ancient Greece. Indeed, I find that I can known as the boule. This has 235 finest of everything may be bought in are painted yellow, rose pink, sky blue smart traders, their character being well get along with a phrase book, I can read members, one being elected for every and other gay colors, and their roofs are expressed by a saying which is current the papers, and can even discover the 12,000 inhabitants. The kingdom is dividthere the blue dome of a Russian church good Lord deliver us!" It is said in the place it will hold in this part of the ballot boxes being kept in the there the blue dome of a Russian church good Lord deliver us!" It is said in the place it will not in this part of the people here think churches all the laws and voivers and all the laws and voivers all the laws and voivers and all the laws and voivers all the laws a of dark green. But little manufacturing tered throughout other parts of the Greeks who live in Constantinople, Smyrbeing arranged in a row along one side elected by ballot. The new members are the farms are small and the most of the sand acres under elected by ballot. The new members are the farms are small and the most of the sand acres under the smokestacks of the Levant. They of it. The boxes are so fixed that only sworn in by a priest and are sprinkled implements are similar to those of the also pasture lands in droves of cattle. He a view of the city. The Acrop- is done, and I can count the smokestacks

the edge of the town, through the streets. We can go several average store, or, if so, the bargaining is shows a flat plain of grayish-white build- Diogenes went with his lantern hunting trees. Farther over are the parlia- which Alcibiades traversed in his seven- and dine at the cafes and restaurants. power in all things financial, ment building and museums and schools, horse charlot. We can take the steam Rents are high and houses are taxed the massive ruins of ancient temples, racus, or we can ride out to the slopes his own house he has to pay a percentage such as that of Jupiter Olympus and Theseus, and also the new stadium, which of Lykabettos or to the Areopogus, the on the rent it would probably bring. The was erected by an Alexandrian-Greek mil- high rocky cliff upon which St. Paul cafes are good. They are full of people day:

off the chief business streets. To the jewelry and other such things. The shoppalace are many beautiful ping hour is from 5 to 7 every evening. to the north of it are the at which time the streets are thronged

I have spent some time in the stores

them keep open all night. At those about element in the orient. He does more busi- ent to look out for his rights. well paved and many are covered men chatting as late as 3 o'clock in the ness than the representative of any other. The term of the members of par- sand godchildren. A change of admin- Another enterprise which is already tivation. As I look closer at the buildings be- with asphalt. There is a macadamized morning. There are also dairy lunch- eastern nation. He is predominant in liament is four years and they receive istration means a change of offices. The under way and largely successful is ested in having the burning go on.

best houses the rates are from \$3 to \$5 a has four or five million Greeks.

they expect to hold a high place in the

dations from \$1.50 to \$2 per day.

gs, rolls and butter may be had at low on the Red sea. He is the financier of and afternoon tearooms near the Palestine and Syria, and his colonies are alace and otherwheres. As to hotels, found as far north as Khartum, where Athens has a dozen of fairly good ones Lord Kitchener said that the Greeks aidt which tourists can stop, and there are ed him greatly in bringing order out of a score more which are not bad. At the the chaos of the Soudan. Turkey alone

modern Greek is a statesman, and the George. Otto meddled with public questions of the world off-hand. The chief Greeks tell me that they believe in a per-

empire and to openly be the moving the pipe, drops his bullet for or against the speaker shoved out of the way.



SOLDIER

gressmen are elected by districts. The They are allowed free passes on the rail-Athens. The storekeepers have no fixed say that a new Greek empire will some one man can pass through to vote at one with holy water during the ceremony. At days of Herodotus. Athens. The storekeepers have been some members. At prices and you bargain for everything, day arise, and that its capital will be time. The box is a foot square, with a one session not long ago some members. You must dicker with your doctor, butchYou must dicker with your doctor, but er and baker, and even with your drug- the chief bankers, merchants and other admit the arm of a man. This runs down which an ink bottle was thrown into the suffers from drought, and as it is now it But let us get down and take a ride gist. There are no price marks in the business men of the capital of the sultan. into the middle of the box, where it meets holy water basin, discoloring the fluid is about the dustiest town of the orient. On one side of the partition go the another occasion the speaker of the house, roads grind the metal to powder. The out them. They have had to work quietly affirmative ballots, and on the other the fearing adverse legislation, locked the soil is thin and the dust is a white flour and secretly, but with the new regime negative. The ballots are buckshot, and doors and refused to let the opposition in, which permeates everything. It covers the voter, having put his hand down into whereupon a locksmith was called and your boots to such an extent that you the candidate as he pleases, without the I am told that considerable lobbying is every day, and this has caused Athens to within the past few months the manpossibility of any one knowing just how done and that a great deal of money is have more bootblacks than any other he votes. Each voter is given only as spent on elections. The candidates have town of its size in the world. The water many buckshot as there are candidates, to treat the voters and one of them re- now comes from a reservoir on Mount down the soil so that the level of the Said Count Mercati, one of the leading and the judge sees that he has only a cently said that his election expenses Lykabettos, but the supply is not sufficiently said that his election expenses Lykabettos, but the supply is not sufficiently said that his election expenses Lykabettos, but the supply is not sufficient to the supply is not sufficient

said that one statesman here has a thou- 000.

old clerks have to leave, and this is tained no water except in winter, when so of school teachers and college profes- there was a depth of about thirteen sors, as well as of the librarians and feet. In the summer it was almost Just now one of the questions which is terranean outlet to the sea.

railroad to connect the system here with pany conceived the idea of reclaiming the line which runs from Paris to Con- the land, and stantinople. Greece has in the neigh- and one-half million dollars on a canal coads. It has some which go to the tains. northern boundary and which by an ex- done \$8,000,000 to make the extension, and that twenty-three years, it has about 65,000 both the great powers of Europe and the acres of land ready for farms. It is delayed, however, for fear of military troubles. When it is completed it It will probably change the through fast called upon the manager of the comroute to India, which now goes by Italy pany, Mr. J. B. Steele, and had a talk and Brindisi, to this road to the Piraeus. The mails will go that way and the pas-senger travel as well. The people are tells me that the draining was done by

no reason why American locomotives which was twenty-five feet high, sixare said to be the best for such regions. Water passes through another lake and Speaking of American machinery, I am lake basin is rich. It contains the

told that the people are beginning to earth washings of centuries, and will Germans to imitate American arms and ing in size from ten to a hundred acres. Other openings might be found in sup-

have to have them blacked several times of the lake. officials of the court here, to me the other single ball in his hand when he puts it averaged about \$5 per voter, a rate much clent, and they are now talking of utiliz- serious damage to the canals, cut for into the pipe of the box. There are also less than that of Adams county, Ohio. ing the falls of the Styx, which are a a higher level. The peasants find that

low me I can pick out the details. The road as good as any in Central Park rooms, where a breakfast consisting of Cairo and Alexandria, and in every port salaries of about \$300 or \$400 per session. appointments are made on the old Jack- the draining of Lake Kopais, the larg-

ATHENS IN 1911. THE ACROPOLIS IS THE HILL IN THE CENTERS dried up, and it seemed to have a subagitating the Greeks is the building of a twenty-six years ago a French com of nine hundred miles of rail- and tunnel through one of the mountension of less than sixty miles could be and it went into the hands of a re-joined to the great Paris trunk line. I ceiver. A Scottish company then took am told it would not cost more than up the concession, and now, after

> excited over the possibilities, and the making a girdle canal around the basin money for building the line could proba-bly be raised without difficulty.
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> of the rivers and to prove the land around the basin where the lake lay to catch the waters be used. The country is teen feet wide and three thousand feet ntainous, and our railroad engines long. After leaving the tunnel the

Sultan Who Does Nothing Wins the Highest Praise From the Turks Whom He Rules

THEY Are Delighted With Him After Many Years of Strenuous Life Under the Unlamented Abdul Hamid-Kindly Old Man Who Is Always Trying to Strike the Right Pose and Who Never Dares to Interfere With His Ministers-Nicknamed "Old Contentment" by His Subjects-His Goodheartedness.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 22, 1911. HAT sort of a man anvhow?" The question was nearly two years onality. The answer came from a prominent Young Turk. He has a delightful

cultarly pleasant as he said:



HE DOES NOTHING. Mehmet V, who has endeared himself iki, cradle of liberty for Young Turkey, of masterly inactivity.



NEW SULTAN'S NEW BODYGUARD. after the deposition Mehmet V is very fond of this crack regiment. The uniforms are scarlet

but in a pathetic, harmless, necessary old and wormwood not only to the Christian be termed of Mehmet V to gentleman, already in his dotage. He is races of the empire, but also to the non-reign in his stead. a good-natured and obedient child-of Turk through Moslem races. sixty-five. Seized suddenly from half a lifetime of palace imprisonment, precipitated into exalted station as sultan of arious accounts of his per- the end of the sensational counter-revoluthe end of the sensational counter-revolu-tion of April, 1909, came blinking before the formal prayer. Often in warm weath-it is more than probable that this tithit the world as Mehmet V. Seldom does the er, having made his devotions at Dolma is reserved for the jaws of bigger anilimelight reveal such dignified bewilder- Bagtche mosque, that of the graceful mals. ment. The old gentleman sat erect and minarets, he goes over to the Asiatic Should Mehmet V, however, journey to way of speaking English with a slow, caressing measure, and his words were pe- looked as energetic as possible; there is shore for an afternoon at a certain Sophia and Belgrade, it is not at all that others might be happy.

> Even against his unnatural half-brother, Abdul Hamid, he harbored ill-will for but one thing. "I have never been a drunken sot, as my brother has given out." he is said to have remarked: "I forgive him for all the harm he has done me, except that calumny." Whether or not the present sultan was intemperate in any respect during the tedious years of his despotic imprisonment, he certainly is a man who lives moderately today. He does not even smoke. On semi-public occasions when cigarettes are passed and he crown prince accepts-"drinks" is the Turkish word-the sultan habitually refuses. In this respect, as indeed in allost every characteristic, he is the anithesis of that incessant smoker Abdul

After thirty-three years, during which he sovereign of Turkey had scarcely been seen even by his subjects in the apital, the change is wonderful to have sultan who moves among his people without restraint. Since his accession Mehmet V has appeared constantly in public: already he has made excursions to Brousa-of-the-famous-silk, and Adriano-ple, first European capital of his fathers. He is pledged to visit in the spring Salonto his Turkish subjects by a policy and the present prison-home of Abdul Hamid. And wherever he goes he hands out money to the schools and charities of

the fourteen right hands of white-gownrop into their places; a pause follows, gold and green and carved, touch into the water and the pretty craft skims But horrors! What is that? A few

magenta within six feet of the red fezes. that between the red fezes and the magenta parasol! The sultan, poor man, knows no better, else he would do differently; for he is a man of the motives which Oliver Herford attributes to the elephant, "with but one aim-to please." Conflicting reports have gone out conerning an imperial trip to European capto Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria and to King Peter of Servia, for they called upon him last year. They are both convenient



SULTAN AT THE GRAND REVIEW Mehmet V is in front. Behind him is his brother, Prince Vehdeddin, and the third person in the foreground is Prince Youssouf Izeddin, his cousin, and

a ve-ry good man. He-does-not-do-any- empire. This makes a good impression, pageantry of Abdul Hamid's private will be amused by the scenes which his part of the soldiers who have particithing." And that was the highest and and really fulfills in a degree the watch- weekly show under the old regime, but it own great capital will probably never And that was the highest and praise possible.

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Words of the July, 1908, revolution, liberty, is by no means disappointing. The chief afford during his lifetime—streets bril
"Venerated Padishak? Before the presHis sobriquet is "Memnoun Oldoum," a happiest praise possible.

After the long nightmare of Abdul Hamid, the Young Turk found his ideal which in the manipulations of the new green and gold of the zouave costume with hurrying electric cars; broad ave
sovereign not in a vigorous statesman, was the nighest and that was the nighest and the really limited with probably hevel pated, but of all the Ottoman initially.

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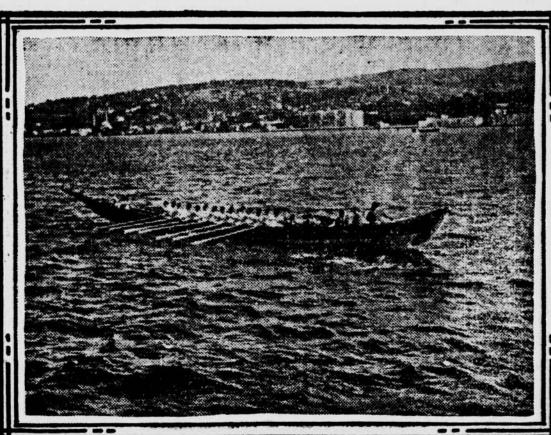
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sultan steps into the fourteen-oared been with the impressive sea of fezes, as under the happy regime of your maj-

and swarthy and impassive in counte- progress that are realities and not the barracks for exercise was prohibited. It nance, he seems to have been resuscitat- visions of a "reformed" and dangerously is for these reasons, the very memory of ed from a Turkish print of the early nine- insecure government. He will look for which is so painful, that the Ottoman teenth century. The regulation fez is the the first time upon a populace of caps army has not attained the regularity and only spot of color about the white zouave and bowler hats and unbelieving female perfection and power that it needs and linen of the immaculate oarsmen. The headgear. His previous experience has of which it is worthy and capable; where-



The famous fourteen-oared calque in which Mehmet V takes his airings on the water. The sultan is the fourth man from the stern, and is hidden

taxicab service is already running at there soon. Constantinople and there are a few private cars in the capital.

being photographed. The picture was an ment of this heroic custom. 'I am a good little bey and I want to do path of your noble fathers.

wishing to do the right thing was humor-ously demonstrated recently when he was our reverses, began with the abandon-being photographed. The picture was an impromptu one taken during the tedious "Glorious Padishah! Since the blessed change." impromptu one taken during the tedious review on the Roumelian prairie of sixty thousand troops. As soon as the sultan saw what was going on he drew himself up to his full height, thrust his right hand into his coat at the breast and stood improvement with an expression which said:

"Glorious Padishah! Since the blessed day of your ascent to the throne, you have, by the high and magnanimous favor of your constant contact with the imperial troops, by your visits to the drill grounds and by your presented with an expression which said:

"Yes, that is so,' said the Englishman. "Yes, that is the retail price. There's a reduction when you buy wholesale." movable with an expression which said: ence at the maneuvers, followed in the just what you want; especially I must "Majesty! This is the greatest pledge of the future progress of the The incident occurred only an hour or army, and while we have the succor two before the great open-air banquet, of God, the aid of a sovereign so lovat which the sultan presided. The three ing as your imperial self, and the supalso. The sensation of the banquet came world. May God, therefore, add long tolerance and honesty were best. when the minister of war, Mahmoud years to your head!"

Shevket Pasha, creating a precedent, addressed his majesty. He spoke as fol-would be more secure if the sultan tolerance and honesty were best.

"He told me one night that bitterness seemed almost inseparable from politics. were able to stand up and talk to his He instanced Bulwer Lytton's candidacy "Sire! Your visit to the field of the officers, instead of being the dumb re- for Hertford, when his wife came to the he would repeat.

ple stories of his goodheartedness. riage, the sultan inquired about the man, istic. and on learning that he was suffering When the father of the new minister of from a severe inflammation Mehmet the marine referred to his son as the sul Good ordered that his private physician tan's servant, the sultan.

other tortures of last summer's "disarma- Turk advisers.

For a knowledge of the present ruler the A hard worker, in this respect one public is obliged to fall back on the sim- the wonders of his age; the cleverest For example, his majesty was driving diet, a moderate sultan in the indulgence to the dedicatory ceremony for a new of his exceptional household privileges. mosque when, among the crowd drawn Of the private life of Mehmet V there is up to do him honor, he noticed some one nothing to complain. His public intenwith a bandaged arm. Stopping the car- tions, moreover, are sincere and altru-

should attend the case. The man was an acknowledgment, replied: "Both he and I Armenian. When he thanked the sultan and all of us are the servants of the nathe latter is said to have replied: "If the tion." If this spirit could be embodied in numblest of my subjects is suffering I the policies of the state, the world would already see Turkey on the road to se-It is fortunate for his comfort of mind curity of position, both internally and exthat he knows nothing of the thousands ternally. But unfortunately as a molder f innocent and peaceful inhabitants of of public spirit, as a worker and as a Macedoina and Albania who are still diplomat, Mehmet V is a nonentity. He smarting under the bastinadoings and is absolutely in the hands of his Young The apologists of the ex-Sultan Abdul (Copyright in the United States and Great Britain by Curtis Brown. All rights strictly reserved.)

Anecdotes Concerning Well-Known People.

Freedoms With Freedom.

"I would not restrict immigration. It leanings is true that some immigrants, entering "A young divine once said to him at for the first time a free country, abuse Lenten lecture

Should he get into an elevator it would "Sire! We cannot pretend yet to freedom. I know an Englishman who, "Bishop Whitaker smiled dryly, and, be for the first time in his life. Nu- have reached the perfection you de- on his arrival in New York, demanded passing his hand down his white beard. merous automobiles would likewise offer sire. But we hope under your protec-a new sensation for him, though an auto-tion, and with the aid of God, to come a glass of whisky in a palatial bar. he answered: "Now in England your whisky is "'A good deal would happen, my young measured out to you in a small tin friend. Your congregation would be inmeasure, but in our bar the Englishman, censed, your vestrymen would fume, and "Well beloved Padishah! The Otto- to his astonishment, had the full bottle it's more than likely that you yourself man sovereigns, your glorious ances- set before him. He was given for the would go up in smoke." But whatever are his sensations, he will do his utmost to be appreciative and to conduct himself as an Ottoman sovereign conduct himself as an Ottoman sovereign world know the glory and the prowess that freedom. He took an enormous drink. Then he rose and handed the wishing to do the right thing was humor-

A Politician's Trials.

known Philadelphia politician, hundred guests were chiefly Turkish of- port of a nation so generous as the "often used to bewail the bitterness of good word." ficers who for ten days had been seri-ously engaged in mimic warfare. The ate an army that will be an important party politics. He continually claimed oreign military attaches were present element of peace to the corners of the that even in party politics calmness and sleepily, light a candle, and write at her

"He told me one night that bitterness utes. maneuvers of your imperial army is a cipient of fulsome phrases from the town, mounted the platform and delivthe son of the ill-mated pair to write; 'Who came to Hertford in a chaise And uttered anything but praise Against the author of my days?

Danger of Extremes. DENJAMIN E. WALSH, the sociologist, 66 THE late Bishop Whitaker," said Philadelphia clergyman, "had very little sympathy with ultra-high church

pastilles during service, do you think

A Full Stop.

"I have little patience with the artistic temperament," Mr. Chambers said. "Its synonym is selfishness. Mrs. Wordsworth was right."

Mr. Chambers smiled. "The poet Wordsworth," he resumed. "used to compose in bed at night. Nudging his wife in the small hours, he would

"'Maria, get up. I've thought of "And Mrs. Wordsworth would rise

"A couple of hours later Wordsworth would wake her again. "'Get up, Maria, I've got a good word, "But one night Mrs. Wordsworth put

tion. Her husband, awaking her with the usual, 'Get up-I've thought of a good word,' was startled to hear her reply:
"'Oh, get up yourself! I've thought
of a bad word.'"